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For: LITHOGRAPHY LENS SYSTEM AND PROJECTION EXPOSURE SYSTEM
PROVIDED WITH AT LEAST ONE LITHOGRAPHY LENS SYSTEM OF THIS TYPE

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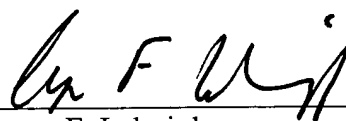
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